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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 09-0688

ORIGINAL**Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)****Honorable members of the Court,**

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorney. As concerned citizens, we hereby submit our request that you reject this rule for the following reasons:

Government overreach seems to be minimizing religious freedom, freedom of speech, and quality of life in many instances.

Existing Rules of Professional Conduct should be more than adequate for protecting the primary and prudence of those involved. Why must we change our values toward the 'cultural shifts' taking place in our society and world? Attorneys should be allowed to practice in the realm in which they are most comfortable. They have the option of not being bound or obligated to accept clients that go against their ethics.

We do not need to be penalizing or intimidating Christian attorneys into changing their way of life to accommodate modern 'human practices' over their personal conscience.

Let's continue to protect lawyers' sincerely held religious beliefs, speech, and conduct.

With best regards,

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